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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH OKCUN IN LONDON:
SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEFING MEMORANDUM (S/S)

1. CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

A. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM PLANS TO VISIT CYPRUS
APRIL 19 TO BRIEF KYPRIANOU ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PRO-
POSALS AS SUBMITTED TO HIM ON APRIL 13 IN VIENNA. HE WILL
ALSO CONSULT WITH DENKTASH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WALDHEIM
IS PREPARED TO PRESS KYPRIANOU TO AGREE TO A RESUMPTION OF
INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS, TAKING AS A STARTING POINT
BOTH THE NEW PROPOSALS AND THOSE PRESENTED BY THE GREEK
CYPRIOTS AT THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS IN VIENNA ONE YEAR
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AGO. THE GOC MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE AN IMMEDIATE DECISION
AND COULD ASK FOR MORE TIME TO STUDY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WALDHEIM IS
ABLE TO IMPART.

B. FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN MAY RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH YOU
AND ASK THAT WE INTERVENE WITH WALDHEIM AND THE GOC TO

ENCOURAGE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ACCEPT THE NEW PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE TO RECONVENING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU REITERATE

OUR STRONG BELIEF IN DIRECT INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER UN AUSPICES AS THE PATH TO A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, BUT STRESS THAT THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO RECONVENE THE TALKS RESTS WITH WALDHEIM AND THE PARTIES. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONVEY TO OKCUN OUR HOPE THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WILL DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUME AND WILL SEEK OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DESIRE TO SEEK REAL MOVEMENT ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AT AN EARLY DATE.

C. OUR OWN ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE NEW TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS, TO THE EXTENT THAT WE KNOW THEM, REPRESENT A LIMITED ADVANCE OVER WHAT THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY PUT FORWARD. THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL INVOLVES LIMITED FEDERAL POWERS AND EQUALITY OF REPRESENTATION, ALTHOUGH IT IS APPARENTLY MORE DETAILED AND CONCRETE THAN THE ONE THEY TABLED IN VIENNA A YEAR AGO. THEIR TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL WAS IMPRECISE AND HENCE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTING; YET THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME DEMONSTRATED A READINESS TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. THEY HAVE, MOREOVER, ACCEPTED THE NOTION OF A PRINCIPALLY GREEK-INHABITED VAROSHA.
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2.POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- WE HAVE INDICATED TO WALDHEIM THAT WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT HE IS MAKING TO RECONVENE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THAT HE HAS OUR FULL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY FOR US TO INTERVENE IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S CONSULTATIONS TO URGE THAT HE AND THE GOC ACCEPT THE NEW TURKISH PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND AGREE TO A PROMPT RESUMPTION OF TALKS.

-- AS YOU KNOW, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS REPRESENT THE BEST PATH TOWARDS ACHIEVING A SATISFACTORY CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. IF AND WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUME, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE AND TO GO BEYOND WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSALS RECENTLY SUBMITTED TO WALDHEIM. CHRISTOPHER

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